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The next Monthly Meeting of the Club will be held on TUESDAY DECEMBER 9 at 8 P M

PROGRAMME

Presentation of Prizes.
Christmas Social

For the benefit of new members the procedure is that members bring along a plate for supper. Each member brings along a gift to the approximate value of \$1.00 and these are placed in a 'pool' and then distributed. A license is obtained but members are required to BYO. Also a glass. The prizes are those remaining for the Spring Show and also for the monthly competition.

NO MONTHLY COMPETITION

NO TRADING TABLE

NO LIBRARY

NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICE

Members are reminded that nominations for the positions of President, Vice-President, Hon. Secretary, Hon Treasurer and two Committee members will close at the conclusion of the December meeting. Nomination forms can be obtained from the Hon Secertary.

THAT PRESENT

In selecting your present to the valus of approximately \$1.00 will members please bear in mind that if every member brings along an appropriate gift as if for themself, then all members will receive something which they can use.

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new members:--

Mr & Mrs R S K Duguid, 8 Tor_a Court, PARKHOLME 5043

Cymbidium — Fertilizing

The answer to this question of food requirements differs greatly, depending upon the origin of the answer. If it comes from a manufacturer of a food or fertilizer, the more you use, the more he is pleased providing your plants do not die. The excess food not required by the plant is washed out of the pot with each watering, enabling you to watch your money go down the drain. An experienced grower may advise a reduced rate of the same fertilizer due to his past experience and the desirable results from smaller concentrations of fertilizer. The only one in the position to adequately answer this question remains silent, although I have repeatedly asked for this exclusive answer.. 'Has anyone met a talking orchid.'

A plant pathologist always imparted to his students the importance of fertilizing and stressed 'a little and often' rather than feeding with the full strength solution. It must be remembered a plant can only absorb food in a soluble state, and in the past, all fertilizers of a soluble nature, not used by the plant immediately, were washed and leached out of the mixture within three months. With the advent of slow release fertilizers a new concept of feeding has emerged. This means, that each time water passes the granules of the slow release fertilizer, a small amount of soluble food is made available to the roots. On each succeeding watering food is made available to the roots. With repeated watering, this process takes place for the next 12-18 months, according to the period during which the slow release fertilizer remains active in the mixture.

With regular weak feeding throughout the life of the slow release fertilizer received in constant strength, plant growth is greatly increased. In the past full strength solution was available upon addition of new fertilizer and this concentration diluted rapidly, due to the highly soluble nature of the fertilizer and rapid leeching with subsequent waterings.

Although my plants have not as yet given me a verbal answer, the result of slow release fertilizer is clearly indicated by their strong clean healthy growth. Plants that have been potted for 12 months or more can have an addition of slow release fertilizer after this period by removing the top inch of old mix, adding the required quantity and topping up with new mixture.

Contributed by Russell Martin of McBeans.

Russell nominated a particular brand of slow release fertilizer but as other brands have appeared on the market since the article was written no reference is made in this Gazette to any one particular brand of slow release fertilizer.

MONTHLY COMPETITION

NOVEMBER 1980

OPEN DIVISION

Paphiopedilum	Glaucophyllum x Acmododontum	W J Nicholls	3
Species	Acanthephippium mantinianum	W J Nicholls	3
	Den. topaziacum	W J Nicholls	2
	Phal. parishii	W J Nicholls	1
Species Paph.	haynaldianum	W J Nicholls	3
	argus	W J Nicholls	2
	acmodontum	W J Nicholls	1
Misc.	Den. Tangerine x (Tangerine x Talasea)	W J Nicholls	3
	Milt. Woodlands x MavisSam-mamish	W J Nicholls	2
	Den. Spellbound	W J Nicholls	1
Division Flower of Month	Species	W J Nicholls	

1ST Division

Cymbidium	San Francisco 'The Beat'	Mr & Mrs V Vitols	3
Cattleya	Bc Languedoc 'Singapore Welcome'	J Leeder	3
Min Cym	Nonina	Mr & Mrs V Vitols	3
Novelty	Sweetheart x Etta Barlow	Mr & Mrs V Vitols	3
Species Paph	wolterianum	Don & Joan May	3
Division Flower of Month	Mini Cym	Mr & Mrs V Vitols	

2nd Division

Cymbidium	Barcelona Magic Wand	A R & M J Moffatt	3
	Balkis x Valley 'Heights'	Kathy Gray	2
	Mnita 'Janice'	K & B Lynch	1
Cattleya	Blc Kebir	H & B Viney	3
	Bc The Globe	H & B Viney	2
	Lc Chit Ch ₂ t	K & B Lynch	1
Paphiopedilum	Carles Sladden	C Jonsson	3
	Connie	W L & R M Moore	2
	Mystic	C Jonsson	1
Phalaenopsis	Barbara Moller x Barbara Moller	C Jonsson	3
Nov Cym	Pat Ann	W L & R M Moore	3
	Cricket	R & E Chisholm	2
Aus Native	Cym. Canaliculatum	W L & R M Moore	3
	Cym madidum	R & E Chisholm	2
Species	bifenaria harrisonae	R & E Chisholm	3
Misc.	Den. warianum	C Jonsson	3
Division Flower of Month	Cym Barcelona Magic Wand	A R & M J Moffatt	
Presidents Flower of Month	Species	W J Nicholls	

Popular Votes

Orchid Mini Cym	Nonina	Mr & Mrs V Vitols
Indoor Plant	Begonia	D McMartin

ATTENTION

There will be a cultural meeting on January 13th 1981 and Mr. Don Gallagher will be presenting a talk on the growing of miscellaneous genera.

Floral Art

MONTHLY MEETING.

The next monthly Meeting will be held at the LUTHERAN CHURCH HALL
Windsong Court CHRISTIES DOWNS on TUESDAY 2 DECEMBER at 7.45 P M.

As this will be our Christmas meeting its seems appropriate there
should be Christmas arrangement on display so for

HOMEWORK

Any arrangement depicting Christmas

DEMONSTRATION

Christmas arrangement.

WORK IN CLASS

This will be left open - you may choose any type of arrangement you
wish to do.

THE FUTURE

Now that 1980 is nearly over, we as a Club must start looking forward
to what we will be doing in 1981 - with this in mind the schedule for
the Winter Show is included in this issue.

OPEN DIVISION

1. Modern arrangement using
2 containers as 1 arrange
ment.
2. Arrangement Winter
3. Interpretive arrangement
using 2 containers (name
it)

DIVISION 1

1. Free Choice
2. Line arrangement
3. Arrangement using not more
than 5 orchids.

PERSONAL

I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year
and to say 'thank you' one and all for your wonderful co-operation
friendliness and help throughout the year. It has meant a lot to me.

Iris.

Members are reminded that there will be no meeting in January.
Our next meeting will be Feb. 3rd. 1981.